

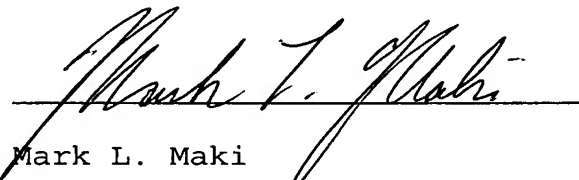
REMARKS

Responsive to the final Office Action dated December 22, 2004, Applicants hereby amend Claims 2-6, and cancel Claim 1 without prejudice.

It is noted with appreciation that Claims 7-20 are allowed and Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In accord therewith, Claim 4 is hereby rewritten in independent form with dependent Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 being amended to depend from Claim 4. As such, all of Claims 2-20 should now be allowed.

Further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

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Encl: None

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